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BUSY AUTUMN SCHEDULE PLANNED FOR ALBERTANS

The Recreation and Cultural Development Branch of the Alberta Department of the Provincial Secretary has planned a busy autumn for recreationally minded Albertans.

The season, which starts early in September and extends into December, will see a considerable number of courses being offered in all parts of the province.

Music clinics and drama workshops will be offered in a few locations, on the basis of a minimum attendance being necessary. The Library Division's popular and successful course for library custodians will again receive a limited number of applicants on the recommendation of a local library board.

A heavy schedule has been planned by the instructors of the Arts and Crafts

division who will be touring the province with sessions in the popular winter-time craft courses.

A widely expanded athletic and outdoor education program will be available with the recent appointment of a supervisor for that division. Mat and Gymnasium Clinics are scheduled throughout Alberta.

Those students who wish to gain professional status as community leaders will again be offered the opportunity to enrol in a correspondence course of three years duration working toward full occupation in recreation.

Full details of all courses offered are available from the Recreation and Cultural Development Branch, Room 424, Legislative Building, Edmonton.

Library Custodians Receive Instruction

An opportunity for novice library custodians to receive expert instruction is again being offered this year. The Library Custodians course, available at a fee of \$20.00, will commence October 1 and continue through April 15. Applicants for the course must be sponsored by a local library board and attendance will be confined to a maximum of 20 students.

The course, which comprises 12 correspondence lessons and a three day seminar at the University of Alberta, deals with book evaluations, book selection for public libraries, public relations and publicity, reference books, working with children and adults, library legislation and community services.

Tutors during the course year will be Miss K. M. Allen, Calgary; Miss B. Berridge, Calgary; Miss S. F. Harland,

BRANCH EXPERTS TO CONDUCT TOUR OF PEACE RIVER

A tour of the Peace River area will be made by three members of the Recreation and Cultural Development Branch during October. The three member team composed of Miss E. McFarland, J. Riddel and S. Moore will conduct workshops at three major centres in the area. They will be at Grande Prairie October 16 and 17; Grimshaw October 18 and 19 and will finish the tour at High Prairie October 20. All members of recreation boards, craft executives or similar organizations are invited to attend the classes.

Edmonton; Miss I. Lapworth, Medicine Hat, and Miss S. Skeith, Calgary.

Drama School In November For North City

Grande Prairie will be the location of a drama workshop November 17, 18 and 19. The course, offered to a minimum of 20 students on a regional basis, is open to candidates over the age of 17 years at a \$3.00 fee.

The stagecraft portion of the course will deal with building a simple flat, material and technical terms used in the theatre, kinds of scenery, parts and uses of the stage, making of properties and lighting terms.

Drama Club Organization instruction will include how and why a drama club is started; the executive and its function; purposeful aims and the first year; choosing and acquiring plays; financing and budget; advertising and publicity; and group status in the community.

In the directing part of the course the following will be covered: qualifications and function of a director; choosing and analyzing a play; production co-ordination; methods of working with inexperienced actors; and conduct of rehearsals.

Instructors for the Grande Prairie Workshop will be Gordon Peacock, University of Alberta; F. Beukert, also of the University and Jack McCreathe, Drama Director for the Recreation and Cultural Development Branch.

Included in the agenda for the Drama Division in addition to the Grande Prairie workshop is an acting clinic scheduled for Lethbridge December 1 and 2. Miss Leona Patterson, of Calgary, will conduct the course which will include instruction in voice and speech, breathing, pitch, rhythm, development of muscular activity, verse speaking and practical exercises.

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The 1961 Recreation Leadership School held at Red Deer July 10 to August 5 offered to 137 eager recreation leaders the opportunity to learn and work with some of Canada's best instructors. The extensive training program was planned far in advance, constantly expanding and improved by Supervisor Elsie McFarland and her staff, as they met in a series



The recreation leader requires a good knowledge of games and sports as well as safe sport practises. The finer points of basketball, volleyball and other team sports were covered.



Red Deer countryside became the classroom and along the river bank small groups of students learned the fun and adventure of camping and cooking over an open fire. On the



of exhaustive conferences. The popular craft classes were attended by 16 students who returned to their communities as trained instructors. Included in the craft syllabus were classes in advanced leather and copper work and design. In



A more theoretical but vitally important subject was first aid. This course was required by all students and covered the elementary physiology course and the St. John's Ambulance aid-



green acres of playing field near the Red Deer River, school classes were held in outdoor sports. The student leaders prac-

SCHOOL TRAINS TOP LEADERS



addition, a Recreation and Cultural Development Branch staff member conducted a comprehensive course in ceramics. The increasingly popular craft is becoming one of the province's most important creative hobbies. Other forms of expression



were taught in an optional basic drama course. The condensed program included training in stagecraft, direction, and makeup sufficient to enable the community leader to interest others in the leader's home area in a drama group.



to-the-injured methods. Safety at the gym in such sports as tumbling and matwork was stressed to ensure the recreation leader gets a maximum value from his class and at the same time ensures a minimum of chance for injury. Frequently the



tised team sports and individual projects such as archery. They found plenty of room to join in calisthenics and many similar



activities which they will pass on to their charges when they return to their home community as well-trained and competent Recreation Leaders.

Arts and Crafts To Be Taught On Area Basis

Arts and Craft Courses will be offered this year on a regional basis where three or more communities are represented. Each community may sponsor a maximum of five candidates during the course which will consist of three consecutive sessions of three days each for three weeks. Fees will be \$9.00 per candidate.

Included in the arts and craft courses will be instruction in ceramics, design, leather, and copper.

CERAMICS

Dates for the classes in ceramics have been set as follows:

Athabasca, October 11, 12 and 13, October 18, 19 and 20 and October 25, 26 and 27.

Drumheller, November 8, 9 and 10, November 15, 16 and 17 and November 22, 23 and 24.

Vermilion, October 2 to 5.

Bashaw, November 29, 30 and December 1, December 6, 7 and 8 and December 13, 14 and 15.

DESIGN INSTRUCTION

Design instruction will be offered as follows:

Hinton, October 11, 12 and 13, October 18, 19 and 20 and October 25, 26 and 27.

Westlock, November 8, 9 and 10, November 15, 16 and 17 and November 22, 23 and 24.

Taber, November 29, 30, December 1, December 6, 7 and 8 and December 13, 14 and 15.

COPPER WORK

Courses in Copper will be conducted at the following centres:

Vermilion, October 11, 12 and 13, October 18, 19 and 20 and October 25, 26 and 27.

Three Hills, November 29, 30, December 1, December 6, 7 and 8 and December 13, 14 and 15.

LEATHER CRAFT

Leather work will also be offered at:

Peace River, October 5, 6 and 7, October 12, 13 and 14 and October 19, 20 and 21.

Stettler, November 8, 9 and 10, November 15, 16 and 17 and November 22, 23 and 24.

Director Wanted
Valley Recreation Board
For Full Details Contact
Box 952, Drumheller

Recreation In-Service Course To Be Offered Again This Fall

The Recreation in-services course for first, second and third year students will be offered again this year. The course is open to candidates with a minimum of Grade Eleven education and who have been active in recreation leadership in the community.

The three year course which was first offered by the Recreation and Cultural Development Branch in 1958, includes a six month correspondence course and a week long seminar for each year. The main topics covered during the duration of the instruction are: organization and administration of recreation programs; human growth and development; leadership theory; study of groups; evaluation of programs; public speaking; and recreation therapy.

ATHLETIC PLAN INTO EFFECT ON OCTOBER 7

Several of the most popular sports will be included in the courses operated by the Athletic and Outdoor Education division of the Recreation and Cultural Development Branch this fall. Basketball officiating, coaching, volleyball, badminton, wrestling, judo, tumbling, weight lifting and trampoline are all included in the courses offered. The athletic classes will be available on a regional basis to all persons 17 years of age or more at a cost of \$2.00 for a week-end session.

At Grande Prairie, October 7, the season will begin with a gymnasium clinic which includes basketball, volleyball, and badminton. A similar clinic will open at Vermilion October 14.

A two day course will be held at Drumheller October 27, 28 with basketball officiating being offered only for the Friday night.

Another basketball officiating clinic will commence at Lethbridge October 28.

NOTICE

Southern Area Consultant, S. C. Moore has changed his business address and may now be contacted as follows: S. C. Moore, Southern Area Consultant, Recreation and Cultural Development Branch, Administration Bldg., Lethbridge.

The excellent staff of the course includes Dr. E. J. Tyler, Professor of Psychology, Brandon College; D. Critchley, Associate Executive Director, Edmonton Council of Community Services; and W. Dymianiw, Physical Education Director at Edmonton's Eastglenn High School. In addition, W. Kaasa and Miss E. McFarland of the Recreation and Cultural Development Branch are assisting with the course.

Fees for the valuable course are \$70.00 for the first year and \$50.00 for the second and third. This includes room and board for the residential seminar.

Applications for attendance at the school and for the correspondence study course should be directed to the Recreation and Cultural Development Branch, Room 424, Legislative Building, Edmonton.

Recreation Director Wanted

Town of St. Albert

Apply: Secretary-Treasurer

Town Office

St. Albert

BAND SCHOOLS WILL EXTEND TO DECEMBER

Seven music workshops will be held throughout the province during the fall by the Music Division of the Recreation and Cultural Development Branch.

All courses will be offered on a regional basis and will require a minimum attendance of 40 students. Students will be divided into two groups, those with a minimum of six months to two years experience and those with more than two years. Fees for the weekend clinics will be \$3.00 per applicant.

The first will be held at Calgary September 29, 30 and October 1. Following that, a four day workshop will be offered to residents of the Lethbridge region commencing October 6 and running to October 9. Lacombe will be the location of a band workshop to be held October 13, 14 and 15.

Other Band Workshops to be held are: Lethbridge, October 20, 21 and 22; Lloydminster, November 3, 4 and 5; Pincher Creek, November 17, 18 and 19; and Grande Prairie, December 1, 2 and 3.